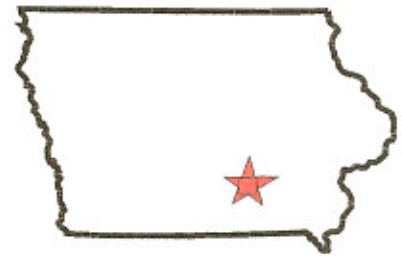


Wapello County Board of Supervisors

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August 3, 2009

Mayor Dale Uehling
City Hall
105 E. Third St.
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Dear Mayor Uehling:

Wapello County Supervisors strongly support the City of Ottumwa's efforts in securing an I-Jobs Grant for flood mitigation.

We understand the severe financial impact to local businesses, concerning their loss of water when the treatment plant flooded in 2007. Their loss was further compounded by the flooding problems in 2008 of the Gateway Business District. Given the continued potential for future flood loss, it is of the utmost importance to correct the flooding issue to maintain our vital business district. The loss of the water plant would have severe impacts on the City of Ottumwa, Wapello County and outlying communities that purchase water from the purification plant.

Sincerely,

Steve Siegel, Chair

Greg Kenning

Jerry L. Parker

Steve Siegel

Greg Kenning

Jerry L. Parker



August 3, 2009

Mr. Joseph Jones
Director of Governmental Affairs
Iowa Finance Authority

RE: City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application
Flood Mitigation & Recovery Application

On behalf of the Ottumwa Area Chamber of Commerce, we support the City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application for hazard mitigation activities for flood prevention and recovery. The flood mitigation project is critical for the businesses that are subject to internal flooding in the Central Business District and the commercial facilities located in Gateway Drive and West End areas of our community.

The protection of the Ottumwa Water & Hydro plant is essential for the protection of all our businesses in the community. The flood mitigation project is an urgent need and the Ottumwa Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry L. McNitt".

Terry McNitt
Executive Director



JOHN DEERE

John Deere Ottumwa Works
928 East Vine Street
Ottumwa, IA 52502
641-683-2429

Kara Fischer
Controller

July 31, 2009

City of Ottumwa
105 East Third Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Dear Mayor Uehling,

John Deere Ottumwa Works strongly supports the efforts made by the City of Ottumwa in obtaining a grant from I-JOBS for the West End Sewer Project and a flood barrier wall around the Ottumwa Water Plant. Past flooding events have affected our operations. Approximately 700 full time wage employees work for the company and have an average wage plus benefits of \$43/hour.

Given the current conditions, the potential still exists for the flooding of businesses and inundation and closure of the Ottumwa Water and Hydro plant. Infrastructure improvements are necessary to correct this potential hazard.

If we can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Kara Fischer, Controller
John Deere Ottumwa Works



OTTUMWA WATER & HYDRO

230 TURNER DRIVE
P.O. BOX 20
OTTUMWA, IOWA 52501
TELEPHONE (641) 684-4606
FAX # (641) 682-3269

July 27, 2009

To whom it may concern:

Re: City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application

On behalf of Ottumwa Water & Hydro we support the City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application for hazard mitigation activities for flood prevention and recovery, especially as it is related to protecting the Ottumwa Water & Hydro plant.

The Ottumwa Water & Hydro is a local and regional source of water supply for the City of Ottumwa and the Wapello Rural Water Association; which provides water to Wapello County, City of Eldon, City of Kirksville and the City of Chillicothe.

Providing flood protection to our facility from internal flooding is an urgent need of our community. Without addressing the flood mitigation issues the existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of our community. If you have any questions about this please contact me at 641-684-4606, ext. 16. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Heffernan, General Manager



July 28, 2009

City of Ottumwa
105 East Third Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Dear Mayor Uehling,

The Dr Pepper/Snapple Group strongly supports the efforts made by the City of Ottumwa in obtaining a grant from I-JOBS for the West End Sewer Project and a flood barrier wall around the Ottumwa Water Plant. Past flooding events have affected out operations. Approximately 210 full time employees work for the company and have an average hourly wage of \$15.10.

Given the current conditions, the potential still exists for the flooding of businesses and inundation and closure of the Ottumwa Water and Hydro plant. Infrastructure improvements are necessary to correct this potential hazard.

If we can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Murray", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Jim Murray
Regional Operations Director
Dr Pepper/Snapple Group
Ottumwa IA, 52501



July 31, 2009

City of Ottumwa
105 East Third Street
Ottumwa, IA 52501

Dear Mayor Uehling,

Cargill Meat Solutions strongly supports the efforts made by the City of Ottumwa in obtaining a grant from I-JOBS for the West End Sewer Project and a flood barrier wall around the Ottumwa Water Plant. Past flooding events have affected our operations. Approximately 2,400 full time employees work for the company and have an average hourly wage of \$14.12 and the average benefits (including health care benefits) is \$7,100 per person.

Given the current conditions, the potential still exists for the flooding of businesses and inundation and closure of the Ottumwa Water and Hydro plant. Infrastructure improvements are necessary to correct this potential hazard.

If we can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Zorn".

Randy Zorn
Cargill Meats Solutions
V.P. General Manager



August 3, 2009

Mr. Joseph Jones
Director of Governmental Affairs
Iowa Finance Authority

RE: City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application
Flood Mitigation & Recovery Application

On behalf of the Ottumwa Economic Development Corporation, we support the City of Ottumwa I-Jobs Grant Application for hazard mitigation activities for flood prevention and recovery. The flood mitigation project is critical for the businesses that are subject to internal flooding in the Central Business District and the commercial facilities located in Gateway Drive and West End areas of our community.

The protection of the Ottumwa Water & Hydro plant is essential for the protection of all our businesses in the community. The flood mitigation project is an urgent need and the Ottumwa Economic Development Corporation fully supports this project.

Sincerely,

Roger Jones BJS

Roger Jones
Executive Director